one via Chhapra and other via Narkatiaganj. These 2 lines together serve the purpose of doubling between these points. The patch doubling of Karpurigram-Siho has been sanctioned. Tenders for earthwork for Karpurigram-Siho have been invited. Work will be completed as per availability of resources in the coming years.

Gauge conversion of the MG line between Hajipur and Chhapra has also been sanctioned which when completed would also double the existing single line between these 2 points and would add to the capacity of the section.

Running of Rajdhani Express Through Muzaffarpur

†351. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have accepted the demand to run Rajdhani Express through Muzaffarpur and also to provide for its halt there; and

(b) if so, by when it would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Gauge Conversion Projects in Assam

352. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending Railway projects for conversion of keter-gauge into broad-gauge in Assam promised in the last year's Railway Budget;

(b) the progress made so far in implementation of the projects in each case;

(c) the funds sanctioned for each of the projects and money actually released and spent thereon; and

(d) the reaons, if any, for delay in completion of the projects?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.